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No pumping was done in the hot season of 1930 as the pipes leading from the harbour limits on the foreshore were removed by the South Indian Railway in connexion with the remodelling of the Beach station and the diversion of the Springhaven Road.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (b), when the lock at the Elephant Gate Bridge will be completed?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Has the work been taken on hand?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"It is under construction."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Government propose to start pumping water into the Cooum at least in the year 1932?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"As soon as the South Indian Railway authorities finish their work, pumping will be restarted."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Government consider that the system of pumping water into the Cooum from the sea is satisfactory?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I believe it has been satisfactory; if it is not so, we will stop it."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know what is the information which has made the Government 'satisfied' with the progress of the work—the basis on which they have come to the decision that the system has been satisfactory?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"They have found the work satisfactory; that is all." (Laughter.)

Staff employed in the Chief Engineers' offices.

* 373 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the staff employed in the offices of the Chief Engineers of the Public Works Department and state how many of them are from Andhra Desa and from other linguistic areas?

A.—A statement[a] is attached.

Veterinary Department

Admission to the Veterinary College for 1931–32.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of candidates who applied for admission to the Veterinary College this year;

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